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NIKOLAYEV SHIPYARD NOSENKO 444

1. THIS SHIPYARD, ONE OF THE OLDEST IN RUSSIA, HAS A HISTORY OF CONSTRUCTING MAJOR SURFACE COMBATANTS AND SUBMARINES. W-CLASS LONG RANGE ATTACK SUBMARINES WERE BUILT HERE UNTIL 1957, AND SVERDLOV-CLASS CRUISERS WERE CONSTRUCTED AT THIS YARD UNTIL 1956. BETWEEN 1958 AND 1964 THE NOSENKO SHIPYARD 444 APPARENTLY CONCENTRATED ON BUILDING MERCHANT VESSELS, TANKERS, AND FISH FACTORY SHIPS. THE "SOVETSKAYA UKRAINA" WHALING SHIP, THE LONGEST SHIP EVER BUILT IN THE USSR (720'), WAS BUILT AT THIS YARD. THE ONLY INDICATION THAT THE NOSENKO SHIPYARD MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN NAVAL CONSTRUCTION WAS CONTAINED IN A 1962 MESSAGE REFERRING TO A PROJECT OF CENTRAL DESIGN BUREAU 17 WHICH WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR ABOUT TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION AT THIS YARD. [REDACTED]
2. THIS SHIPYARD WAS FIRST SEEN ON [REDACTED] AUG 62, AND HAS SINCE BEEN COVERED BY SEVEN KH MISSIONS THROUGH [REDACTED] AUG 64.
3. [REDACTED] AUG 64 REPORTED BUILDING WAY Ø WAS OCCUPIED BY TWO SMALL UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS AND ONE LARGE POSSIBLE COMBATANT HULL MEASURING

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645 FT LONG AND 110 FT AT THE MAXIMUM BEAM. THE HULL CONFIGURATION OF THIS VESSEL DID NOT EQUATE TO ANY KNOWN SOVIET HULL DESIGN. THIS HULL WAS FIRST SEEN ON [ ] JUN 63.

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4. THIS MISSION REPORTS ONE LARGE AND TWO SMALLER MERCHANT SHIPS, ONE LARGE POSSIBLE AUXILIARY, TWO POSSIBLE FISH FACTORY SHIPS AND ONE PROBABLE MEDIUM SUBMARINE IN THE MAIN BASIN AREA. ONE LARGE POSSIBLE AUXILIARY IS AT THE FITTING OUT SLIP AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL IS IN THE FLOATING DOCK. ONE PROBABLE POLTAVA CLASS MERCHANT SHIP, ONE LARGE POSSIBLE AUXILIARY, AND TWO SMALL UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS ARE ON THE BUILDING WAYS. THE LARGE POSSIBLE COMBATANT HULL ON BUILDING WAY Ø, MEASURING APPROXIMATELY 645 FT LONG X 110 FT AT THE BEAM, IS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE BEGINNING OF A POSSIBLE SUPERSTRUCTURE AREA AMIDSHIPS CAN NOW BE SEEN.
5. IT IS ALSO INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT SUBMARINES HAVE NOT BEEN NOTED HERE SINCE 1957.

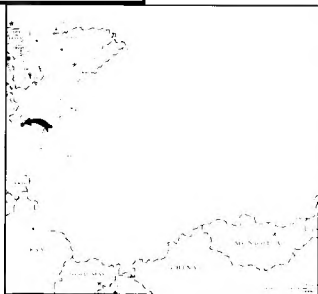
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